

Name of Scheme	Length Miles or No. of Bridges	Cost (Rs. lakhs)
1. Metalling and Black-topping missing section Mahabalipuram-Markanam of the Est Coast Road.	20	14.00
2. Major bridges on Mahabalipuram-Markanam Road.	3 bridges	65.00
3. Bridges on East Coast Road :		
	(Rs. lakhs)	
(a) Muttupet—Mimisal	97.50	19 bridges
(b) Mimisal—Tonda	37.63	8 "
(c) Tonda—Tirupallagudi	34.28	10 "
(d) Tirupallagudi—Devipattnam	12.50	1 bridge
		} 182.00

Financial Assistance to Tamilnadu

1965. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether any request has been made by the Government of Tamil Nadu to provide financial assistance to implement the recommendations of the state Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Decisions on matters relating to the emoluments of State employees are entirely for the State Government to take and have to be based on their own appreciation of their resources position. The categorical position of the Central Government in this regard has been stated in the House a number of times.

Clearing of Baggage by Preventive Officers at Santacruz Airport

1966. DR. KARNI SINGH :
MAHARAJA MARTAND SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average time taken by Preventive Officers in clearing baggage at the Santacruz Airport;

(b) the number of officers working in each shift, the actual number of officers available for clearing luggage after taking into account those on static duties and on leave and the average number of passengers handled by them daily;

(c) whether the Preventive Officers are not allowed any weekly off or holiday and are also called upon to work overtime; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to augment clearing staff to reduce the delays in baggage clearance and also to improve the conditions of their service and duty hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) For expeditious clearance of baggage, passengers have been categorised as (i) Tourists (ii) Non-tourists having no dutiable goods and (iii) Non-tourists having dutiable goods, unaccompanied baggage etc,

Tourists normally take 3 to 10 minutes for their clearance through Customs depending on whether they have any currency to declare or are carrying any articles which are to be entered in the Tourist baggage Re-export forms issued to them.

Non-Tourists who do not have dutiable goods in their baggage and who are not selected at random for detailed examination take, on an average, 5 to 7 minutes depending on whether they have any radio set or